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O Lord, who art the comforter of the distressed, and the deliverer of the oppressed; who helpest them to right that suffer wrong: we beseech thee look down upon the miseries and oppressions that are exercised upon thy poor people at this time, who (unto all other calamities which they suffer in outward things) have this added unto all, which is above all; that they are not allowed the liberty of thy house, nor the comfort of thy publique worship: They cannot meet together to seek the salvation of their soules, but with the danger of the destruction of their bodies. O let it please thee (of all other evils) to deliver us from this evil; reject us not from the Tabernacles of thy grace (though we be most unworthy) open those doors unto

us by the golden key of thy Heavenly mercy, which our own sins, and the fury of our enemies have thus far shut up unto us. Restore unto us the freedome of thy House, the sincerity of thy truth, the purity of thy worship, the beauty and order of thy holy service. Restore Liberty unto those that suffer Imprisonment for the discharge of their duties in thy worship; secure thou the freedome of those which are yet further thaeatned by the enemy: preserve the lives, and recover the health of those that are wounded by their cruell hands, who have not been afraid to shed the bloud of thy people in the place, and for the performance of thy most holy worship; repaire the courage of those that have been terrified by the fury of enraged adversaries, that they may not desert thy service for fear of men; make them and all of us patiently to abide alway, and to praise thee more and more. Teach us to receive all those afflictions which thy Fatherly hand shall lay upon us with a child-like affection, and with such a holy temper of humility and constancy, that we may neither be proud of our sufferings, nor forsake our duties. Phil. 2. 5. *Let nothing be done through strife or vaine glory*, but all things in sincere obedience to thy will, not with any heady refractorinesse or opposition unto others, but with a prudent care for the discharge of our own consciences; And grant *that those things which have happened unto us, and whatsoever else thou shalt suffer the adversary to act against us*, Phil. 1. 12. *may fall out to the furtherance of the Gospel.* And oh thou that helpest in all extremities, that bringest good out of evill, light out of darknesse, happinesse out of misery, liberty out of restraint, bring thou comfort and freedome unto us hereafter out of those restraints which have been exercised upon us; forgive our enemies, make them sensible of their sins, and particularly of that sinfull cruelty, whereby they have now of late violated thy House and worship, shed the bloud of thy poor people, and exercised tyranny over their consciences, so contrary to those very rules and professions, whereby they have

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ſought to countenance thoſe actions which have been ſo contrary; to thy truth, and ſo diſtructive unto theſe Nations: fill their faces with ſhame, that they may ſeek thy name. *Let the wrath of thoſe men turn to thy praiſe, and the remainder of their wrath do thou reſtrain. Remember thy Congregation which thou haſt purchaſed of old, the rod of thine inheritance which thou haſt redeemed, even in this our Mount Sion wherein thou haſt dwelt. Lift up thy feet unto the perpetuall deſolations, and ſuffer not thine enemies any more to do wickedly in thy Sanctuary. Let them not rare in the mids of thy Congregations, nor ſet up their Enſignes for Signes,* but convert them that they may joyn with thy people in the unity and truth, in the vigour and life of thy orderly worſhip; deliver them from thoſe wicked engagements wherein they have bound themſelves againſt thee and it, and *bind up our ſouls together in the bundle of life,* that we may live in obedience unto thee and thy ſubſtitute, and in true Chriſtian love and charity with one another. And Lord let it be thy pleaſure to put ſome happy and timely end unto theſe bloudy cruelties, and un-Chriſtian diſtractions that are amongſt us; forgive our ſins & the ſins of theſe Nations, which have incenſed thy wrath againſt us. Turn us unto thee that thou maiſt have mercy upon us: increaſe thou our ſence of our ſins, and our humiliation before thee for them, eſpecially for the ſins we have committed in thy ſervice, our coldneſſe, deadneſſe and hypocriſie, our irreverence and fruitleſneſſe in the uſe of thy Word, with all other miſcarriages in thy worſhip, which we may juſtly fear have cauſed thee to inflict thoſe proportionable puniſhments upon us; be reconciled to us in the bloud of thy Son; & grant that we may be more ſincere and fervent hereafter in our prayers, and more fruitfull in the uſe of thine ordinances. Make us truely thankfull for thy mercifull moderation of this calamity, that there was no more innocent bloud ſhed; and for that preſervation which thou haſt given unto the lives of thy poor people. And grant

Pſal. 76. 10.

Pſal. 74. 2, 3, 4.

1 Sam. 25. 92,

that from henceforth we may so use thy house as a Sanctuary of holinesse unto thee. That it may become a Sanctuary of safety unto us, *That the Lord may create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies a cloud, and smoke by day,* to hide us from the fury of our adversaries, *and the shining of a flaming fire by night,* for their terrour and our comfort: *that upon all the glory may be a defence. And that there may be a Tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert*
Esay 4. 5, 6. *from the storme and from raine.* That the works of thy honour and our salvation may be performed in peace and quietnesse: That we may break out into that Song of the holy Prophet.

O Lord, we will praise thee though thou wast angry with us, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst us. Behold, God is our salvation: we will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is our strength, and our Song, he also is become our
Esay 12. *salvation. And that we may with joy draw water out of those wels of salvation,* which the adversaries of truth would stop up unto us, as the *Philistines* stopped up the wels of
Gen. 26. 15. *Abraham.* That we may say in that day: *Praise the Lord and call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted: sing unto the Lord, for he hath done excellent things, that is known in all the earth: cry out and shout thou inhabitant of Sion, for great is the holy one of* Israel *in the midst of thee.* So be thou great and glorious in the midst of us O Lord, even in the midst of the joyfull and holy assemblies of thy people, in spight of all the rage of thine adversaries. *And now Lord behold their threatnings, and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldnesse*
Acts 29. *they may speak thy word. And that the multitude of true believers may be of one heart, and of one soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

A Prayer for the KING.

O Most great and glorious Lord God, who hast appointed Kings and Rulers to be the protectors of thy people; and art thy self the great protector and governour of Kings? we beseech thee stretch forth the arme of thy power for defence of our gratious Soveraigne, And spread thou the wings of thy mercy over Him, who is now wrongfully persecuted and deprived of his rights, by His Rebellious Subjects: O let not all that evill seem little in thy sight, which His Royall Father and Himself hath suffered, together with the rest of that most excellent Family, for the defence of thy Church, and the protection of thy people. But let the red and bloudy Evening of His Father, and His owne cloudy Morning, prove the presages of a fair day unto him. Make thou pleasant and fragrant Roses to grow upon all the Thornes and Briars of His afflictions: Bring Him forth like precious and purified gold, out of those fiery trials that are upon Him, that He may be the joy and Crown of his people. And though His adversaries (have as much as in them lies) bereaved Him of all but the inheritance of His Fathers miseries: yet make thou Him in spight of them all, the Heire (as of his Fathers wisdom and graces, so also) of those Dominions and Kingdomes that do of right belong unto Him: preserve His Person from all Trayterious plots, and wicked attempts that may be made against Him: let every hand that shall be stretched out against Him, be like the hand of *Jeroboam* the son of *Nebat*, th at was stretched out against the Prophet of the Lord, let it be benummed, dried up, and withered: Let every heart that shall contrive evil against Him, be like the heart of *Nabal* the *Carmelite*, let it sink and die, and become as a stone, untill it shall repent of its wickednesse: Charme thou Him with the Heavenly charmes of thy Divine protection, that nothing may be able to approach to hurt Him.

Be thou wisdom unto His Counsels, strength unto His Armies, a treasure unto His necessities, a comfort & support unto him in all his distresses. Give Him patience in time of adversity, untill the pit be digged up for the ungodly; make Him constant in His adherence to thy truth, sincere and fervent in His devotion and thy worship, just and righteous in all his wayes, prudent and discreet in all His affaires; order thou all His designes and undertakings in the use of righteous and just meanes, and direct them to the scope of holy and righteous ends; That thy Divine glory may be the Center of all His thoughts, and the marke of all His enterprises; suffer Him not to trust upon outward strength, but be thou His shield and His high Tower, and make Him still to wait upon thee in the wayes of righteousnesse, and to commit himself unto thee in well doing: make His Armies in *Ireland* Victorious, and make their enemies to flee before them: Make the *Scots* sincere and faithfull unto Him, that as they have Proclaimed Him their King, so they may yeild Him that obedience that is due unto their King, that their sayings may not condemn their doings, lest they be condemned out of their owne mouths. Bring down His Rebellious enemies in this Kingdome: encrease, confirme, and establish His friends, subdue the hearts of His people under Him, make Him an object of thy mercy, and an instrument of thy glory here, and Crown Him with everlasting glory hereafter; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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